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AMENDMENT

In response to Office Action dated November 21, 2001, plus consider the following:

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of any changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

Claims 1-27 and 41-47 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Beaman et al. (US 5,371,654). Applicant respectfully disagrees. The present application is a CIP of US 5,635,848 which incorporates by reference at Col. 4, line

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